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Attorney Docket: 267665.0021

IN THE UNITED STATES. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael S. Terretta

Examiner:

Serial No.: 09/817,079

Group Art Unit: 2161

Filed: March 26, 2001

Confirmation No. 9836

For: IMPROVED AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM (PPV)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
INCOMPLETE REPLY (NON-PROVISIONAL)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Non-Provisional) mailed July 27, 2001 (copy enclosed), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Notice because the Notice is believed to have been issued in error. Applicant respectfully submits that its prior submission, filed on June 21, 2001, fully addressed all open issues and that the application is now ready for substantive examination.

In support of Applicant's request for reconsideration, enclosed please find a copy of Applicant's Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application filed on June 21, 2001 and its enclosure, a Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition ("Declaration") executed by Michael S. Terretta, the sole inventor of the subject application. Of note, the enclosed Declaration includes a signature block for a "second inventor" which was not completed because there is only a single inventor in the subject application. It is respectfully submitted that the enclosed Declaration fully complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application filed on June 21, 2001, was fully responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application and, therefore, no additional fees are due in this application. However, if a fee is due to overcome the current Notice of Incomplete Reply (Non-Provisional), including without limitation, an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0231. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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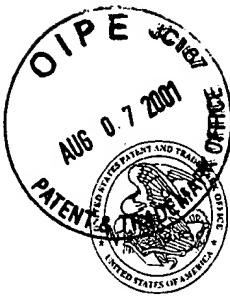
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 06/21/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 05/07/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*


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Sir: Kindly acknowledge receipt of the following papers by stamping and returning this card.

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Title: Improved Authentication System (PPV) Due Date: 7/7/01

- A patent application including pages of abstract, specification and claims
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 Certificate Under 37 CFR § 373 (b)

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed May 7, 2001 (copy enclosed), enclosed is the Declaration signed by the inventor. A check in the amount of \$65.00 for the required fee for the late filing of a Declaration for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Basam E. Nabulsi".

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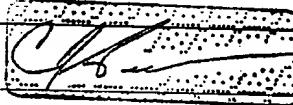
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